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Choice Xmas Presents.

We have them at all prices, something to suit everybody, moderate in price, best in quality and everything guaranteed to be exactly as represented. Everything put in pretty boxes whether costing 50c. or \$500.

Choosing Xmas Presents

is made easy when you look over our stock.

Challoner & Mitchell,

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The Westside Store News.

Silks for Gifts

A WAIST PATTERN, a dress pattern, a shirt pattern, is a gift that is always, delightful to a woman or girl; and there can be no size mistake; the garment is made up to fit and to suit the taste of the recipient.

Check and Stripe Silks, suitable for blouses, 65c. 50c.
All our choicest Check and Stripe Silks will be sold this week at \$1.25.
Cold Taffetas, all shades, worth \$1.00, this week, 75c.
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We have just received today a large stock of black Bengallies, black Failles, black Hoses, black Taffetas, black Pique-Satin and black Duchesse satin.

Silk Hose

WHAT a world of comfort, joy, thoughtful thing to give. Ladies' Silk Platted Hose, assorted colors, 65c. 50c.
Ladies' black and colored Silk Platted Hose, lace ankles, 65 cents and 1.00.
Ladies' special black Silk Spun Hose 1.50

Belts for Gifts

THERE are two ways of telling you to see the Christmas collection of Belts to tell of the many handsome ones and describe their beauties, or to tell you of the new Dog Collar Belt, we have them, \$1.00 to 1.50.
Plain black and tan Leather Belts, 35 cts. to 75c.
Fancy, elastic Enamelled and Sequin designs 2.00

Lace and Silk Ties

Silk Ties, beautifully designed, 35 cts.
Lace Ties as now worn, 75 cts.
The new Flamingo Silk Tie, 75 cents and 1.00.
Silk Ties, Plain Colored, Silk Fringed, 75 cts. and 1.00

The Hutcheson Co. LIMITED.

It's a Pleasure...



To get such fine fruit as we are selling. The quality has never been better, and our prices enable you to buy the best at the prices of the cheapest. Our store is a wonderful of delicacies for your Xmas dinner. Don't miss them.

French Crystallized Fruits 35c. box
Malaga Table Raisins 25c. lb.
Assorted French Nuts 15c. lb.
Crosse & Blackwell Plum Pudding 35c. tin
New McLaren's Cheese 35c. jar
Jas. MacLean's 5 lb. pails 75c.
Fresh Island Eggs 40c. dozen
Morgan's Eastern Oysters 75c. tin

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A HOME

CAN BE PURCHASED with \$50 cash and 100 monthly instalments of \$12.50 each, without interest. Five-room cottages; double front lot, on car line; fifteen minutes' walk from postoffice.

Apply 40 Government St. B.C. Land & Investment Agency

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REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE AGENTS

A nice 5 roomed cottage, modern, close to Government Buildings, on James Bay, on line 10 roomed cottage, near Central School at a bargain 5 roomed cottage for \$800 to let, 4 roomed cottage close in, 5 roomed cottage, good location, 10 roomed house with four lots 17 When requiring Coal, Wood, Fire and Life Insurance call on Money, to loan in sums to suit.

P. C. MACGREGOR, Tel. 604. 42 GOVERNMENT ST.

Bargains in Real Estate.

Are you looking for bargains in real estate, either improved or unimproved? If so, we have what will suit you. Inspect our list of properties for sale before purchasing. It will pay you to do so. Do you want to borrow money? If so, we have plenty to loan at low rates of interest. We are general agents for the old reliable Phoenix of Hartford Fire Insurance Co. If you have any business in our line we solicit your patronage. Notaries Public and Conveyancers.

F. G. RICHARDS & CO. NO. 15 BROAD STREET. TELEPHONE 145.

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Leather Travelling Cases, Toilet Cases, Perfume, etc.

HALL & CO., Dispensing Chemists, Clarence Block, Corner of Yates and Douglas Sts.

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO., LTD.

NANAIMO, B.C.

Coal Mined by White Labor.

New Wellington Coal

Washed Nuts, \$4.25 per ton
Sack and Lumps, \$5.50 per ton

Delivered to any part of the city.

KINGHAM & CO., 41 Fort Street.

J. E. CHURCH, J. C. V. SPRATT, Tionce Avenue, Yates and Store Sts.

MUNN, HOLLAND & CO., Cor. Broad Street and Tionce Avenue.

BLUNT & CO., Broad St.

Telephone Call 647.

Wharf—Store Street, Spratt's Wharf.

Makes Work a Pleasure.



Does Cold Weather Suggest Tools for Cutting Wood?

Our saws for easy labor, our axes for rapid cutting, wedges for assisting with tough logs—whatever you want, you may depend on the articles we sell. Perfectly tempered tools sold at right prices.

Nicholles & Renouf, Ltd.

51 YATES STREET, VICTORIA, B.C.

To make room for NEW STOCK we are selling a number of small lots of

J. W. MELLOR, 76-78 FORT STREET

FINE WALL PAPER AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

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SIR WILFRID LAURIER

(Associated Press.)

Quebec, Dec. 23.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrived here yesterday. He will spend Sunday and Monday at his old home, Anahoskaville.

Direct From Spain

Connoisseur Clusters. Imperial Cabinets. 4-Crown Clusters. London Layers, etc.

Hudson's Bay Company

SEELY'S PERFUMES

CUT GLASS BOTTLES. IN ELEGANT SILK-LINED BOXES.

Prices range from 50c. to \$5.00

See our stock.

JOHN COCHRANE,

N.W. Corner of Yates and Douglas Streets.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

That delight the hearts of men and boys.

WE HAVE THEM

Kodaks, Postcards, Golf Clubs and Balls, Boxing Gloves, Punching Bags, Fire Arms and Fishing Tackle.

John Barnsley & Co., 115 Government Street.

ALFALFA

Just received a lot of Alfalfa Hay, the best feed for milking cows.

55 Broad St. Hartman & Co.

DOLL'S GO-CARTS, CABS and Dolls of all kinds

WAGONS AND IRON TOYS

Hastie's Fair, 77 Government St.

COAL AND WOOD—Baker & Colston, wharf and office, Belleville street, James Bay; telephone 407; city office, Swinerton & Oddy's, telephone 401.

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Lord Roberts's Send Off

Scenes of Wild Enthusiasm Mark His Departure For South Africa.

Naval Brigade at Tugela River Has Been Shelling Boer Positions.

Canadians at Belmont, Who Are All Well, Send Christmas Greetings.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 23.—Field-Marshal Lord Roberts' left Waterloo railway station at noon today amidst scenes of wild enthusiasm. Scarcely had the terminus witnessed such an inspiring send-off.

As the general joined his wife and daughters at the door of the saloon carriage, he was speedily surrounded by distinguished statesmen and military men, including A. J. Balfour, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Field Marshal Sir Donald Stewart, and Lieut.-Col. Carrington, the Queen's equestrian.

Lord Wolsey and others arrived late and it required all the efforts of the police to clear a passage for them.

Scarcely had the commander-in-chief joined Lord Roberts when

A Great Cheer

announced the appearance of the Duke of Cambridge. The crush was so great that the Duke, in spite of police protection, was so hustled that more than once he gave verbal expression of resentment at the rough treatment he had been submitted to. The police redoubled their efforts, finally enabling the Duke of Cambridge to reach Lord Roberts, though in the confusion the police thrust aside many of those who were best entitled to remain, including Lord Wolsey, who, however, took the rough handling of the police in good part.

The ladies present suffered much from the crowds, but their piteous appeals were unavailing to stem the rush. Renewed cheering heralded the Duke of Connaught's arrival. Then roars of cheers momentarily diverted attention from

The Hero of the Hour.

as the Prince of Wales appeared and greeted Lord Roberts in the most cordial manner.

The Prince and the distinguished general engaged in earnest conversation and furnished a striking centre to a notable group, which included no less than five field marshals. Lord Roberts in morning dress looked fit for anything in spite of his 67 years. He was straight and soldierly, and his rugged features reflected determination.

At the time the train was due to start, the Prince of Wales, again shook hands with Lord Roberts and spoke a few words to the general, of which the phrases "God bless you," "Good luck to you," were caught by those nearby. Mr. Balfour bid General Roberts a similar farewell.

Amidst the

Pin, Enthusiasm and Excitement,

no one heard the signals for departure

and the train was moved off while Lord Roberts was still on the platform with his back to the carriage door. The farewells were abruptly terminated and he was forced to make a somewhat undignified scramble for his seat. As the general disappeared in the saloon carriage, a noisy cheer was started and continued until the train passed out of sight.

Arrival at Southampton.

Southampton, Dec. 23.—On arriving at Southampton Gen. Roberts was heartily cheered by thousands of people. As he boarded the Dunottar Castle between a guard of honor from marines and blue-jackets there was a renewed outburst of applause. The mayor and corporation officials were present.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

Proposal to Augment the Forces—Members of Legal Profession Urged to Enroll.

London, Dec. 23.—The exceedingly grave view taken in some quarters of the crisis is evidenced by a circular signed by Attorney-General Webster, Solicitor-General Finlay, and General Evelyn Wood, adjutant-general to the forces, to the effect that the present position of public affairs is so critical that as a greater part of regular forces will be required abroad, it becomes imperative for the purpose of home defence that the volunteers shall be augmented, and urging that every member of the legal profession, not deterred by age or paramount duty, enroll himself as an active member of some volunteer corps.

NAVAL BRIGADE AT WORK.

The Big Guns Shell the Boer Positions at the River Tugela.

Chieveley, Dec. 17, evening.—The British army is occupying its original camping ground.

The Naval Brigade this morning fired a few shells at the Boer positions.

The result is not known, but the firing is taken to show that the naval guns are able to command the Tugela bridge.

On the Way to the Front.

Durban, Dec. 23.—The foreign attaches have arrived here on their way to Gen. Buller's headquarters.

CANADIAN CONTINGENT.

Send Christmas Greeting From Belmont, Cape Colony.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—General Hurton received the following cable to-day:

"Belmont, Dec. 23, 1899.—All well. Regiment sends greetings to all."

(Signed) OTTER.

ADVANCE ON BLOEMFONTEIN.

Modder River Will Probably be Made the Second Base for Operations.

New York, Dec. 23.—The inference is drawn in London that Gen. Buller will hold his ground at Modder River and not retreat to Orange River, as it was thought might be necessary, says the London correspondent of the Tribune.

This inference is drawn from the editorial reports of movements of transports that the battalions of the fifth division as they arrive in South Africa are expected between Natal and the eastern border, some going to Durban and others to De Aar.

Military men assert that Gen. Buller's retirement had been contemplated all the reinforcements arriving at Cape Town would have been hurried forward to Natal to complete the work of relieving Ladysmith, since they would not have been needed at De Aar or Belmont.

They also venture to assume that Modder River will be made a second base for ultimate operations, as the country to Bloemfontein, when the auxiliary transports with ample trains and carts shall have been organized.

A Story and a Denial.

London, Dec. 23.—The Paris correspondent of the Mail says Dr. Ley's waited on M. Delcasse and asked his services in the cause of peace. The French minister, it is understood, gave an evasive reply.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The French foreign office denies the statement that Dr. Ley has asked the services of M. Delcasse in the cause of peace.

SAILING OF THE MAINE.

Five of the Maine's Assistants Decline to Proceed With the Vessel.

London, Dec. 23.—The American hospital ship Maine sailed for Cape Town at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, wings of five of the Maine's assistants expelled from the New York hospitals. One of these men is said to have expected promotion to a commissioned officer's rank. He succeeded in enlisting four friends who agreed to accompany him on the ship, notified Major

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The hours in their flight bring us one

not a word was heard from him the day

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35 FORT ST. GRC



WE WANT HUSBANDS

So remember that their wives would appreciate a bottle of our

PERFUME

AS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

The perfume is fragrant and lasting, the package of choice and beautiful design.

Prices 25c up to \$7.50.

Inspection invited.

C. H. BOWES, CHEMIST.

100 GOVERNMENT STREET, Telephone 425. Near Yates Street.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 23, a.m.—The high air still covers the Pacific slope, but is extending its influence to the northward. A series of low areas has crossed the Canadian Northwest, and one is now central over Winnipeg. Heavy rain has fallen over the States and lower Mainland, elsewhere the fall has been light west of the Cascades. Unsettled weather still continues.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Sunday.

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh winds, unsettled, with rain and decreasing temperature.

Lower Mainland—Moderate winds, cloudy with rain, cooler.

Report.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.35; temperature, 48; minimum, 48; wind, 10 miles E.; rain, 1.18; weather, rain.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, 50; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles S.; rain, 1.20; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 38; minimum, 38; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Harkeville—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 36; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Nash, Wash.—Barometer, 30.35; temperature, 48; minimum, 64; wind, 4 miles S.W.; rain, 2.1; weather, cloudy.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Use Blue Ribbon Flavoring Extracts.

Please call at Russell's, 124 Douglas street, anytime before Xmas, and bring the children, with you; it will delight them and please you.

Dandruff, falling hair and baldness cured. Dr. White's Hair Restorer used. Electric Parlor, 114 1/2 Yates street.

On Tuesday morning the steamer Victorian will arrive at 7 o'clock, lying over in Tacoma for the convenience of the opera company.

A merry time was spent last evening in the festive room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, when the little ones were treated to a visit by Santa Claus, who distributed seasonal gifts. Mr. R. Hutchison gave a demonstration of the X rays, which proved exceedingly interesting.

At the annual meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association recently held at Winnipeg, Mr. C. A. Steel was appointed director for Victoria; A. H. Mulbridge and R. Hamilton were elected directors for Vancouver, and John Prentice of Vancouver, vice-president for British Columbia.

In Sir William Wallace Hall last evening the Bon Temps dancing club held a Christmas dancing party. Twenty couples attending by invitation. A good time was enjoyed and thanks were expressed to the committee, in charge, Messrs. Nicholles, Mackay, E. Shapell and Messrs. Hayward, Lawson, Netherby and Burns.

Col. Baker, M.P.E., while passing through Winnipeg on Saturday last en route to the coast, stated to a reporter that he had succeeded while in England in inducing a number of capitalists to invest in this province. He added that he hoped to see a similar establishment at Cranbrook in the near future as another result of his visit to the old land.

Get the Best Company.

Life Assurance is as important and should be as carefully undertaken as any other purchase a man can make. You want AN OLD RELIABLE WELL ESTABLISHED COMPANY, a company that will issue a liberal policy and will give you the LARGEST GUARANTEES FOR THE LOWEST PREMIUM. Before insuring obtain the rates and plans of

The Ontario Mutual Life

R. E. DRURY,

Provincial Manager,

34 Broad Street.

S. W. BODLEY,

Special Agent.

—Lipton's "Finest" hams at Jameson's, 33 Port St.

—Photo Albums half price; Christmas Cards 1c each. Johnston's, Douglas street.

—Have you seen the \$1 per dozen Printed Caps and Saucers at R. A. Brown & Co., 80 Douglas street?

—Xmas presents and fancy goods. Twenty per cent. discount on fall millinery. Stevens & Jenkins, 84 Douglas street.

—There will be no meeting of the Young Men's Liberal Club this evening, nor on Saturday next, on account of the holidays.

—On Christmas Day the B. C. Electric Railway Co. will run their car service on the Sunday schedule with the exception that they will continue until the usual week-day hour.

—The man on the street corner advertising his wares by wind. If you buy and find you are sold, it's your fault. You take no chances in buying. HONDA. Ask all those friends of yours who use it.

—The fire brigade had a fruitless run last night, a false alarm being turned in from 61, at the corner of Store and Cornwall streets. Over thirty members of the department were needlessly disturbed in consequence, while a number of call men forfeited the usual fine of \$2.50 for non-attendance.

—The pupils of Miss Merrett's school for deaf and dumb children will be pleased to see and are interested in their work in their school room in A.O.U.W. Hall from one to four o'clock each afternoon, December 26 to 29 inclusive, to enjoy with them a Christmas tree they are to decorate.

—The District Messenger Service office was entered last night by the thieves having thrust a stick through the key hole and lifted the latch on the inside. The cash box was broken open, but the thieves failed to secure any booty, the money being placed in other receptacles. It is believed to be the work of boys.

—There seems to be some uncertainty still in regard to the sending of a second contingent from Canada to South Africa. Col. Peters, D.O.C., has as yet received no instructions in regard to the matter, but as soon as directions are received by that officer they will be made public. It is possible that as the contingent will probably be composed of garrison artillery and mounted troops, no volunteers will be called for from here.

—Lawrence Mowbray, who enjoys almost equal honors with Jimmy Chikens as an inmate of the police court, again "graced" the dock this morning, a charge of burglary having been lodged against him. Larry was detected in the act of prying up one of the windows of a Chinese dwelling opposite the city hall, but he had not proceeded far when the law took him in charge. In the face of his protestations this morning that he would behave himself the prosecution was dropped and Larry given his liberty.

—Summer breezes will blow, the broad Atlantic will roar, the summer girls will sing, dance and tell you all about it at the Victoria theatre, on Wednesday night at which time "At Gay Canyon Island," the famous farce comedy, will hold the boards. This organization, under the direction of Whiting & Willis, is known from ocean to ocean as one of the standard attractions which can always be depended upon. The company this year is reported as the best that has yet played this delightful drama, and the musical numbers have been elaborated into a special feature.

—Ah Quong, the Chinaman who was arrested here last week by the city detectives for the theft of a watch in Vancouver, was convicted before the police magistrate and sentenced to 23 months' imprisonment. It came out in evidence that he had served three previous terms for stealing at Westminster, the terms being three years, two years and two months. "The next time I get out," said Quong, "in his good English accent, "I won't steal watches or rings or clothes, but I will get a couple of million and then I will get off." The magistrate's heart did not soften even under the mention of millions, and Quong, with his everlasting bland smile, was sent away to wear the colors of New Westminster once more.

—Handsome silk umbrellas for Xmas presents at Fit-Reform Wardrobe.

—A deputation consisting of the executive committee of the Provincial Royal Canadian Hospital, composed of Messrs. H. D. Helmecken, Joshua Davies, Alexander Wilson, Thomas Sholto and Mr. Elworthy, waited this morning upon the Hon. F. Carter-Cotton and laid before the minister the pressing needs of the institution for further financial assistance to carry out improvements. These matters were laid last session before the special legislative committee of which Hon. D. W. Higgins was chairman. The minister expressed his great interest in the proposed improvement and requested the committee to place their wants before him in writing. The minister also received a visit from Capt. Gibson, official of the Chinaman hospital, new in progress.

—Equinuit school closing examination was held yesterday afternoon in the school house, and was well attended by both pupils and parents and a goodly number of visitors. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. H. Haver, of the Victoria board, who was ably assisted by Mr. C. E. Sharp, M.A., and the teacher, Miss M. Campbell. The children acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner, in variety of recitations, dialogues and songs, besides reading, spelling and geography, evincing marked improvement in their studies. The school was neatly decorated and showed the good taste of teacher and children. At the close of the examination, Rev. C. E. Sharp, by request of the school children, presented Miss M. Campbell, the teacher, with a ladies' companion or toilet set as a token of esteem and respect, after which the National Anthem was sung and a very pleasant meeting brought to a close.

—The shareholders of the Dardanelles mine will be pleased to hear that the foreman reports having made a new strike of very rich ore in the south drift on the ninth level. This is a new ore chute and the ore is described as very fine grained and almost entirely free from zinc.

—Court of revision was held this morning at Royal Oak for South Victoria district. Mr. S. Perry Mills presiding. The most important case was that of the Rowland estate appeal, and this, with others, was left over for decision at the next sitting, which will be held in the city on a date to be announced.

—Edward F. Brewer was this morning convicted of a charge of stealing sundry articles valued at \$2.50 from Wm. Cole of the Clarence Hotel. Capt. Cole lives at the Clarence and entered his room yesterday evening in time to catch Brewer rifling his trunk, the latter being then in possession of a number of articles of underclothing. Brewer was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labor.

—Mr. John Hepburn has acquired another valuable business property in the city, purchasing yesterday the land upon which the building known as the American Hotel is situated on Yates street. This is one of the oldest hotels in Victoria and its removal will give place to a handsome three-story stone front building. The sale was effected by Mr. Beaumont Rogers, of 42 Port street.

—Victoria Precinctory, No. 338, R. B. K. of I., encamped at Sandilington, have elected their officers for the ensuing term as follows: Henry Brethour, W.P.; Edwin John, D.P.; Isaac Walsh, Chap.; J. J. White, Registrar; John Brethour, Treas.; Rev. E. Granville Christmas and James Brethour, Lecturers; Samson Brethour and John Brown, Censors; W. W. Clark and William Duncan, Standard Bearers, and Fred Targosse, Pursuivant, and a committee composed of the following: John Walsh, Samuel Crook, Joseph Brown, W. R. Armstrong, J. F. J. W. Brethour, Capt. Livingston Thompson and Alex. Mackenzie.

—The Sunday school of the Congregational church held a very successful Christmas tree and entertainment in Temperance hall last night. The programme was made up of songs and recitations by the children of the school, and by addresses from Mr. Geo. Carter, the superintendent, and the pastor, Rev. Fred Payne. Santa Claus was present in full winter regalia, and delighted the children by the presents which he brought for them. Every scholar, and indeed every one present, was remembered by him. Another feature of the evening's enjoyment was the distribution of merit prizes for attendance and for bringing new scholars to the school. The ladies deserve great credit for the sumptuous repast which they provided, and the cake and other refreshments being served during the evening.

—To-night practically closes the time for the reception of applications for the position of chief of police for the city. For the past two days will hardly be productive of any more of these miseries, and the limit closes on Tuesday night. A large number of applications have been received, though they have hardly been as numerous as the commissioners expected. Chief Sheppard, is not yet able to attend to duty, though he is now reported to be in a fair way to recovery. Some curiosity is manifested as to the way in which the new chief will appreciate the action of the council in providing him with an assistant prosecutor, police court cases usually being of such a character that where an assistant is necessary he requires to be a gentleman of the law. It is also pointed out that it is somewhat of an anomaly for an interpreter who takes an oath to act in a perfectly disinterested manner to be in any sense a prosecutor. Under the present arrangement it was almost imperative for Chief Sheppard to act as such, as a Chinook interpreter was usually hard to obtain but under the new arrangements it is claimed that the necessity for such a state of affairs no longer exists.

Personal.

High Logan was a passenger from Vancouver yesterday.

A. C. Cowan, a Toronto commercial man, is at the Dominion.

Mr. J. Russell, of Sydney, Australia, is a guest at the Dominion.

Mrs. J. A. Comb and two sons, of Auburn, are at the Queen's.

R. Tominia was a passenger from the Sound on this morning's boat.

F. W. Foster and son, of London, are spending the holidays in the city.

Thomas Hooper and H. G. Ross returned on yesterday's steamer from Vancouver.

James N. Brennan, the New Westminster hotel man, is a guest at the Dominion.

Hebert Rodock, M. P., passed through Winnipeg yesterday on his way to the coast.

W. R. Robertson, M. P., was a Victoria-bound passenger on the noon train today.

C. Doring, the Vancouver brewer, is at the Deland. He is accompanied by Mrs. Doring.

A. M. Johnson, the barrister of Nelson, is in the city to spend the holidays with his parents and other relatives.

Charles Moore, C. E. P. L. S., of Kaslo, is spending the holidays with his parents at Spring Ridge.

J. F. Christie and wife, Vancouver, and J. F. Christie and wife, Vancouver, are registered at the Dominion.

W. F. Bullen, R. Collier, F. M. Rattenbury and Gibson Hicks were passengers from Vancouver on yesterday's steamer.

Miss Marion Goodwin returned from San Francisco this morning, having been visiting for some time in the Californian capital.

Fred. Clark, editor of the Nanaimo Review, came down on the noon train today to spend the Christmas holidays in Victoria.

William Henson, superintendent of the Lenora mine, J. Hare at 1 wife, and Ed. Crosswell and family, all from Duncan, are spending the holidays at the Dominion.

D. B. Ker is home from a visit to the mill of the Brecken & Co. Company at Edmonton.

He came over the "Crow's Nest" Pass branch of the C. P. R., and also visited the Boundary country.

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CHARGED WITH WOUNDING.

Jack McDowell of the Savoy Saloon Accused of Assault Upon George Marshall.

About half-past six o'clock on Thursday night, George Marshall, who lives at the Savoy, rushed out of that building, his face and clothing smeared with blood, and took refuge in Marks's store adjoining the Delmonico. Public curiosity was aroused, but as the woman was placed in a hack by a policeman and taken to the station little information could be gleaned. She was followed to the station by Jack McDowell, one of the owners of the Savoy, who endeavored to induce her to return with him. This she refused to do, alleging that he had assaulted her, and her face bore evidence of brutal treatment at some one's hands.

She was removed to the Commercial Hotel, where she is now lying, her face swollen and blackened with the treatment she has received.

Today a warrant was issued for McDowell's apprehension on a charge of wounding. The case will probably be heard early in the week, or as soon as the woman is able to appear in court.

AT THE THEATRE.

Another Dramatic Success For Mr. Roberts—"The Prodigal Father" This Evening.

There was a little better attendance at the Victoria last night, although local theatre-goers have not shown the Moore-Roberts company the appreciation they deserve. "Davy Garrick" as interpreted by Mr. Roberts is without doubt one of the very finest pieces of stage work ever seen in the city, and notwithstanding the fact that last evening he was seriously indisposed he delighted his auditors with a finished representation of the part of the famous actor.

This afternoon "The Prodigal Father" was given for a matinee and the same play will be produced this evening. It is a farcical comedy by Glen Macdonough and in it there is ample scope for the versatility of the "star."

As a would-be African explorer who, instead of going to Africa spends his time in Chicago, interesting himself in the welfare of Dolly Doolittle, a variety actress, and has subsequently the most extraordinary series of adventures in the Dark Continent, Mr. Roberts will be found to be most entertaining. "Stanley Dodge" has many troubles, all of which will provide merriment for the audience.

The cast of the play is as follows:

Stanley Dodge—H. R. Roberts

Percy Dodge—this son—Alex. Cochrane

Don Broome—this son—P. B. Bonfield

Mr. Midway—this son—W. J. Ward

Quincy Duff—H. Ashton

Smith (Dodge's valet)—W. J. Townsend

Mr. Messure—this son—C. J. London

Kate Dodge—Miss Lily Brancome

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Ashtabula 37 3/8

Dundas 18 3/4

Darlington 114 3/4

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The Boer War Makers

Who is Really Responsible for Hostilities?—Ariander's Statement.

He Says it is State Secretary Reitz, Aided by Smuts and Grobler.

An Afrikaner writes as follows to the London Daily Mail from Sea Point, Cape Colony:

Who is really responsible for the war? What are the main factors that have brought about this terrible state of affairs?

I make the following statement without hesitation, having lived and labored among the Boers all my life, and knowing the true conditions of Pretoria and every one of its ramifications.

It was not President Kruger. He has only recently acquired in extreme measures. The President has greatly aged of late, he is almost decrepit, and suffers from indignant eyes (flickered with by various American and local quacks); he has other physical troubles, too. The continual illness of Mrs. Kruger has also weakened him. The acceptance of his favorite son, Paul Kruger, has never given him many a bad night of an hour. All these things have combined to weaken his once strong character, and since the departure of Dr. Leyds for the Brussels embassy, Paul Kruger has never found a man in whom he could implicitly believe, and whom he trusts as he did.

The Batavian Statesmaster.

At the President's great age, without the intellectual resources of a Gladstone, a Bismarck, a Beaconsfield, or a Thiers—literature, art and science—the old man has become blinded and bewildered by the great force and wave of European diplomacy thrust upon him. In all his latter-day speeches one misses the indomitable will and stubborn character which culminated at the time of the judicial crisis, and which led the Transvaal to its last friend and ally, Chief Justice Kotze.

Had the fates decided that Dr. Leyds had to be removed on a diplomatic mission previous to the upsetting of the judicial independence instead of his being permitted to vent his spleen on this honest Afrikaner judge and given the power to dispose of all those opposed to this unprincipled Hollandier, before his malicious personal appeals against Great Britain to the European courts, I think today the political horizon of both Republics would have been a clearer one.

The war was not brought about by General Joubert, who has been dead against hostilities all the time, being sufficiently a soldier to know that Maritz was a bit of luck, and he did not care to tempt chance again. In fact, he was so loth to take the field, his tendency was so strong towards a peaceful solution, any price, and he was so convinced of the

Justice of the Uitlander Demands, that the birth of the right of their minds influenced by the Hollandier (who always hated the Afrikaner Joubert), held by Engelburg, the editor of the Volkskroon, and Valters, the editor of the Rand Post, hinted at treachery, and cowardice. Several new candidates at once sprang up for the commandant-generalship, and Joubert had to bow to the wishes of the people.

The war was not brought about by the Rev. A. D. Wilmans of the Executive Council. Kock, who was killed at Elandsburg. They blundered much, but were not for extremes, and President Steyn was but a mere puppet, bought with secret service money, or at least his allegiance weakened thereby.

No, the chief man that brought about this disaster (if it is a disaster to the South African Republic is, strange to say, a man of education and undoubted honesty, so far as Pretoria housekeeping goes, but with rather loose book rules for health, with to eat and what to avoid. No duty, no inspection by Customs House, reliable Canadian Company. Write at once, if we could not help you we would not say this honest offer.

Now as to Dr. Reitz, to give the man his due, he is one of the very few

Honest, Faithful Servants

of the Republic, a lover of the Law Dutch language, with a strong ideal of "Africa for the Afrikaners" under their own flag.

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When assessed is made, the funds probably will be raised by means of a whisky tax, and of this tax the Boers will have to stand their full share, and perhaps more, too. Britain claims that they brought on the war and that they ought to pay for a good deal of it. The Transvaal is rich in its gold fields, and alighting one of the constant complaints of its inhabitants has been that the taxes on these fields in excessive, the chancellor of the exchequer gradually believes that, under a pure and equitable administration of its public affairs, the Transvaal, besides supporting its own government, could furnish appreciable assistance toward the payment of the new floating war debt.

However, although no one is worrying over the payment of the war bill at present, when the time for its consideration comes, short shift will be made of it. It is definitely known that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach hopes it may be paid off in the year following next year—1901.

If, however, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach had thought it wise to make an increase of the income tax it would have been in no means the first time that an action of this kind has been taken in an emergency brought about by war.—Exchange.

The Duke of Westminster is dead. Richards Mather & Co., of Cleveland, owners of the whaler bark No. 115, which it was supposed, had been lost with all on board in a great storm of last week, have received a telegram from the captain of the bark saying that himself and the crew were safe.

Government officials say that no such thing now exists; that in these days of blue books and public reports that any one can buy for a copy there is no chance for any such secret fund. Germany, however, is regularly supposed to have a strongly guarded war chest, and so, it is believed, has Italy and Austria. Indeed, Robert Barr grouped a list of the plot of his novel, "Jennie Baxter, Journalist," about the supposed hoarding of the Austrians war chest.

Of course, England's war chest had, for a long time after its removal, an enterprise in the shape of an imposing war fund, but that was in its turn demolished in 1832 by Pitt in his scheme for the consolidated fund, and it is upon this consolidated fund that England is drawing for her present occupation of conducting a campaign in the Transvaal.

As for the consolidated fund, it is nothing more or less than the receipts of the government, minus its expenses, and it was William Pitt who decided, instead of keeping track of a score of separate funds, to lump the whole lot of them together and to allow expenditures to be made only by act of parliament.

Its Modern Successor.

So today there is only one remainder of the ancient war chest, so called by British rulers and that is an entry on the books of the Bank of England, crediting Her Majesty's government with \$3,750,000, to be used for foreign expenses, and known as the treasury chest fund. This name is an echo of the olden days when every war expedition that left England carried with it a veritable "chest" packed with gold pieces for the payment of the army, and it is used simply for the carrying of enterprises, usually of a peaceable nature, in distant portions of Great Britain's dominions.

This treasury chest fund is always kept at the same figure. For instance, upon the representative of Her Majesty's government being advised of any needed improvement coming within his administration and involving heavy expenditures, he invites loans of capital, accepting the most favorable and issuing bills on the treasury chest fund. Upon their presentation at the Bank of England they are audited and promptly paid when the treasury chest fund's accountants' straightway make requisition for the amount of the expenditure upon either the war office or the admiralty, accordingly as the expenses incurred have been on account of the army or navy.

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